



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
2185 VOGHT STREET
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2016
AT 7:00 PM**

1. PRESENT:

Mayor N. Menard
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor L.A. Brown
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor D. Norgaard
Councillor G. Prowal

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. S. Boven, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. S. Bird, Director of Engineering & Development
Ms. M. Miles, Director of Corporate Services
Ms. S. Thiessen, Director of Finance & IT
Mr. D. Tomkinson, Fire Chief

MEDIA

Merritt Herald
Q101

29 Members of the Public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Menard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (10 Minutes)

Nil

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4.1 Moved, Seconded and **CARRIED**

217/16

**THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 be adopted**

RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Menard recessed to the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

RECONVENE TO COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Menard reconvened the Regular Council meeting at 7:06 p.m.

5. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegations and Recognitions

**MERRITT &
DISTRICT CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

- 5.1 Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce Presentation; Darrel Brooks, Vice President, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce File: 0363

Mr. Brooks thanked Council for their recent decision to amend section 8.5.1 of the City's Zoning Bylaw by decreasing the Pay-In-Lieu of Parking fee from \$3500.00 to \$1.00.

Mr. Brooks suggested that he would like to see a committee formed to include a member of the Downtown Voice, a member of the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, a member of Council, a member of City staff, and a member of the public to discuss potential impacts to the community when considering future proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments.

Mr. Brooks requested that the City provide a letter of support to the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to gain ministry approval for better signage around the City of Merritt to help draw people in to town.

**RCMP QUARTERLY
REPORT**

- 5.2 Third Quarter Report - July to September 2016; S/Sgt S. White, RCMP Merritt Detachment Report File: 7500

S/Sgt S. White had three (3) RCMP members introduce themselves to Council and presented an update on the events that have taken place during the July - September 2016 quarter, including:

- 1749 calls for service
- 209 prisoners
- 86 calls to 911 (79 false alarm)

- 44 impaired driving incidents
- Investigations (ongoing)
- Closure of the “Compassion Society” and seizure of narcotics
- Domestic Violence (6 major cases open)
- High volume of drug related incidents (including repeat offenders)
- High volume of gun related incidents (95% of firearms are being modified)
- Child pornography investigation
- RCMP member relocations (to and from Merritt) including a First Nations RCMP member to join the Merritt detachment

There was discussion around run-down hotels and the implementation of Bylaws that could be created to help protect the City from seeing these repeat gun and drug incidents.

**SOUTHERN
INTERIOR
DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVE TRUST**

- 5.3 Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Presentation; Luanne Chore, CEO, Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust
File: 0410.9

Ms. Chore presented the following to Council in relation to the Southern Interior Development Trust (SIDIT):

- History of the corporation
- Mission
- Board of Directors
- Service area and incorporated communities
- Mandated investment sectors
- Core strategy
- Strategic goals
- Programs
- Current program offerings
- Funding by region
- Students receiving education support
- Sustainability

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PAY-IN-LIEU OF
PARKING

- 6.1 Draft Minutes; Special Committee of the Whole November 03, 2016 Meeting
File: 3360 & 3900.2187

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

218/16

THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw No. 2187, 2015 Section 8.5.1 Pay-In-Lieu of Parking fee be reduced from thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to one dollar (\$1.00);

AND THAT the Pay-In-Lieu of Parking fee be reviewed annually

Director of Corporate Services clarified that the Draft Zoning Amendment Bylaw will appear on the November 22, 2016 Regular Meeting for consideration.

PROVINCIAL
FIREFIGHTER
PLAYBOOK-
FIREFIGHTING
SERVICE LEVEL

- 6.2 Provincial Firefighter Playbook – Firefighting Service Level
File: 7200 & 0595

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

219/16

THAT Council adopt the proposed “Fire & Rescue: Service Level Establishment and Limitations Policy”;

AND THAT Council confirms the Merritt Fire Rescue Department as a “Full Service Operations Level Fire Department” as defined in the British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards: Structure Firefighters - Competency and Training Playbook (Second Edition, Amended May 2015) and as outlined in the attached proposed Policy: Fire & Rescue: Service Level Establishment and Limitations (2016)

7. BYLAWS

ZONING

- 7.1 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2214, 2016
File: 3900.2187

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

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THAT City of Merritt Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2214, 2016 be read a third time

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8. NEW BUSINESS

2016 WINTER
CELEBRATIONS POW
WOW

- 8.1 2016 Winter Celebrations Pow Wow Committee Sponsorship;
Director of Finance & IT November 01, 2016 Report
File: 1851

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

221/16

That Council approves up to one thousand one hundred sixty-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$1,167.27) sponsorship in support of the annual Winter Celebrations Pow Wow;

AND THAT the In-Kind sponsorship will cover the Civic Centre room rental fees and will be funded by the City Initiative budget

APPOINTMENT OF
AUDITORS

- 8.2 Appointment of Auditors for 2016-2020; Director of Finance & IT
November 01, 2016 Report
File: 1680

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

222/16

THAT Council appoint BDO as the City's Auditors for the years 2016 - 2020;

AND THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to KPMG, thanking them for their services and support over the past twenty (20) years

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 9.1 Councillor Norgaard made the following Notice of Motion:

Whereas the City owned property at 2544 Lauder Street, Lot 13, plan number KAP 565: dl 123 ld25 is in a state of disrepair;

Therefore be it resolved that Mayor and Council direct City staff to prepare a report concerning scope and cost of rehabilitation and/or demolition of said property for 2017 budget deliberations

9.2 Councillor Norgaard made the following Notice of Motion:

Whereas the Federal Government has promised to legalize marijuana sales; and

Whereas it behooves us to be prepared for this eventuality;

Therefore be it resolved that a workshop be convened in the early new year, with relevant advisors, to address issues of zoning and retail marijuana sales

9.3 Councillor Goetz made the following Notice of Motion:

That the City look into adding two to three entry welcome to Merritt signs, home of professional bull rider Ty Pozzobon

9.4 Councillor Prowal made the following Notice of Motion:

That Council refers possible airport improvements to the budget 2017

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

10.1 Councillor Norgaard gave an update on the Fish Management Tool, attended a Social Planning Committee Meeting, SILGA workshops in Kamloops, Interior Health announcement "Breaking Ground" for new Emergency Room in Merritt.

10.2 Councillor Christopherson attended a Committee of the Whole Meeting relating to Pay-In Lieu of Parking, Adopt-a-Road, Tourism and Economic Development Committee Meeting, Provincial Fire Building event, announced that Country Christmas will be held on November 21-26, 2016, and will be attending a TNRD Meeting.

10.3 Councillor Goetz provided the latest gas buddy prices, attended a Tourism and Economic Development Committee Meeting, and will be attending a "Gangs and Illegal Guns" presentation in Kelowna.

10.4 Councillor Prowal attended the Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce gala event, cleaning of the cenotaph, Adopt-a-Road, Tourism and Economic Development Committee Meeting, and Provincial Fire Building event.

- 10.5 Councillor Baker congratulated the Fire Department on the Halloween fireworks display.
- 10.6 Mayor Menard attended SILGA workshops in Kamloops, TNRD Board Meeting, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce gala event, Committee of the Whole Meeting relating to Pay-In Lieu of Parking, Adopt-a-Road, Mayor's drop-in, Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, and Provincial Fire Building event.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

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| CAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE | 11.1 | CAO Operational Update; Chief Administrative Officer November 08, 2016 Report File: 0112 |
| POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE | 11.2 | Draft Minutes; Policy Review Committee October 12, 2016 Meeting File: 0373 |
| COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE | 11.3 | Merritt Community Policing Office Month End Report, October, 2016; Heather Broman, Community Policing Office Coordinator Report File: 7500.1 |
| MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE | 11.4 | Regulatory Amendments Affecting Agri-tourism; Derek Sturko, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture October 26, 2016 Letter File: 0135 |
| MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT | 11.5 | Adoptive Families; Stephanie Cadieux, Honourable Minister of Children and Family Development November 02, 2016 Letter File: 0135 |

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:37 p.m.

**Certified correct in accordance with Section 124(2) (c) of the
Community Charter.**

**Original signed by
Corporate Officer**

Confirmed on the 22nd Day of November, 2016

**Original signed by
Mayor**